concepts of Ayurveda, Homoeopathy, Unani, Siddha and Yoga in the curriculum of MBBS students. The Council has constituted a Sub-committee to consider the matter, the report of which is awaited.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Updating of list of medicines

2899. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) when the list of drugs or medicines for purchase and dispensing in CGHS dispensaries was made;

(b) whether the list is updated from time to time; and

(c) if so, when it was updated last and the new medicines included in recent years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The formulary containing the list of medicines for the CGHS was made in 1996 and the validity of the same has been extended from time to time. The formulary containing the list of Generic drugs for the CGHS was prepared on 23.1.99 and the validity of the same has also been extended. Further, a Committee which has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. J. N. Pande on 16.11.2000 for preparing the combined drugs formulary for the MSO and CGHS has yet to submit its report.

Impact of Computer on Eyes

2900. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Computer users vulnerable to eye complaints" which appeared in the Statesman, dated 2nd May, 2001;

(b) if so, whether any research has been made by Government on the impact of computers on eyes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to protect the eyes from the adverse effect of computers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a)Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) According to ICMR, Research work on this issue has been published in various international journals. The main symptoms found in these studies relate to exaggeration of the residual refractive errors and convergence deficiencies. It also result in symptoms like redness of eye etc. Computer users may take precautions as advised by the treating physicians to avoid possible ill effects.

Amount spent on the Treatment of Ex-Prime Ministers/Ministers in Foreign Countries

2901. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that considerable amount of money has been spent for the treatment of Ex-Prime Ministers/Ministers in foreign countries during the last three years;

(b) the amount spent on this account for the last three years, individually, year-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the treatment sought abroad is available in our own country and with better efficacy; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that other allied expenses are also met by Government while the VVIP is abroad?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Nursing Colleges in HP

2902. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Nursing Colleges functioning at present in the State of Himachal Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to set up any new nursing college specially for those living in far-flung areas of the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps taken by Government in this regard?